

Blessed Trinity

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MAY 22, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Wednesday: 9am—8pm

Thursday & Friday: 9am—5pm

(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00 pm)

Saturday: 1pm—3:45pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Monday: 11:00am

At Westpark Healthcare Campus

4387 W. 150th St.

Tuesday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 8:30am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 8:30am

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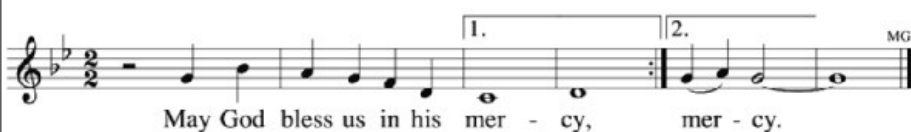
ONLY AT THIS TIME

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God's gift of Diversity. We bring God's love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation and encourage all parishioners to take ownership for the everyday life of their church, especially Spiritual Growth, Community Life, the Building of a Just Society, and Service to All God's People.



Psalm 67: May God Bless Us



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From the Desk of Fr. Doug

The Blessing of the Edible Forests

Last weekend, those who were able, gathered outside for the blessing of the edible forests and community gardens. Katie led the same service simultaneously in church. The custom of blessing farmlands and fruit orchards dates back centuries when farmers would gather outside to pray for a favorable growing season. Those close to nature and whose livelihoods depend on it, know how much they are at the mercy of God's handiwork.

There was a standard rite of celebration that included walking around the entire farmed area singing hymns and psalms and especially the litany of the saints.

For our celebration prayers I drew from the Native American prayer to the four directions, redacting it for our purposes and adding a Christian cosmic dimension. Many people liked the prayers and took them home to reflect on.

One of the other reasons we go out to bless these areas is simple. I heard a number of people say "I've never been back here," some of whom I know have been in the parish for years. This is one way for us to get you back here and find out what is happening on our property and in our parish. And of course, we have so many new parishioners that have not yet been here for a growing season. So even if you were unable to walk outside, sometime before and after Mass, drive back and see the community gardens next to the Joseph Center, the Edible Forest I, now in its eighth year and bearing much fruit and the Edible Forest II, now beginning its third complete year. This area also has 25 raised beds in it.

The edible forest idea and community garden plots were meant to use our property productively and to put into practice Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato' Si*, which calls us to take

action to preserve our common home, this planet.

It also supplements our hunger center by providing fresh fruits and vegetables for those clients that come to get food. Eight of the raised beds belong to the parish. Help is sometimes needed to plant, weed, and harvest in late summer and early fall.

Mulberry collecting will begin around June 5th. Help to gather berries will be needed and there will be several opportunities to make mulberry jam.

Raspberry picking will soon be upon us as well. Katie is planting lots of loofas this year.

Our two beehives did not survive the winter, but we are getting four new hives, thanks to new parishioners who are experienced beekeepers.

Birchwood School third graders carved jack-o-lanterns last fall. They dried their seeds and now pumpkins are growing in the classroom. They will have a section on Edible Forest II where they can grow their own pumpkins this year.

Our parish outreach extends to the edible forest areas as well. Zawadi Ndeze is back after a two-year hiatus, planting her famous sweet corn. Zawadi is from the Congo. She has an in-ground section in Edible Forest II, just south of the newly planted fig trees.

Hezekiah Seyou and his family, hailing from Liberia, are back to break their record of 100 Habanero pepper plants. They have the in-ground area to the left of the path as you enter Edible Forest II.

North of the electric fence are two more Congolese families. They will be planting a variety of white eggplant, native to the Congo but which grows here as well. They are doubling their production from last year. We are really emphasizing the community part of community gardening this year. This is what the church of the 21st century looks like.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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E-MAIL PRAYER LINE REQUESTS TO:

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34th Annual Walk for Hunger & 5K Run, Sat. June 4. 1 in 5 Clevelanders faces hunger, 4 in 5 can help. **We ALL have something to give. No gift is too small to make a difference.** For every dollar donated, the Hunger Network can provide 4 nutritious meals. 95 cents of every dollar donated to Hunger Network goes directly toward purchasing food for families and individuals facing food insecurity. The Hunger Network supports the Bountiful Basement and our Community Meal programs. Whether it's with \$1, \$5 or \$100, your donation makes a serious impact. We will be accepting donations at church the weekend of May 28/29. Place cash or check donations in the **Walk for Hunger** envelope in the pew and drop into the collection basket at Mass or bring to the rectory. Make checks payable to Blessed Trinity Parish with Walk for Hunger in the memo line. If you would like to walk with us, register with our "Bountiful Basement Buddies" team. www.hungernetwork.org Parking is FREE at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH 44109. Check-in begins at 7:30 AM. 5K Chip-timed Run begins at 8:30 AM. Walk begins at 9:00 AM. For questions or if you'd like to share a ride, contact Katie Corbett.

Please pray for:

Nancy Abarca, Thomas Ausnehrmer, Doris Eikens Azarello, Vincent Bontempo, Charlene Boyer, Mary Brennan, Sarah Brower, Adele Burke, Ann Busch, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, McKayla Coyne, Cathrine Damm, John Darmstadt, Diane Dorenkott, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Alice Friedel, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Helena Hoogstraten, Gail Iseli, Carole Iseli, John Itayem, Nicola & Mara Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Vicki & Rudy Juris, Annette Kalister, Joanne Kauchuk, Betty Kensick, Tony Kernan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra, SND, Rosemarie Martin, Patrick McAvinue, George McKee, Molly McQuillan & family, Sandra McRae, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Dave Norris, Tom O'Boyle, Noreen Ortiz, Tony Pierson, Lisa Prokopius, Catherine Rajnicek, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Ron Ruble, Bob Ruddy, Mary Salamon, Mary Ellen Salo, Marilyn Samonte, Jerry Secunde, Jeffrey Secunde, Carolyn Sesplankis, Brandy Shuttera, Debbie Shavorinsky, Terri Siegwarth, Joanna Somerville, Larry Sowders, Bernie Sprenger, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Janet Tang, Pete & Teri Thayer, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Dennis Tyburski, Barbara Washabaugh, Celine Whelpley, John & Noreen Williams, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young, Jacqueline Zambarano.

Please pray for all who are serving in the military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:

- * Brook Robinson (Navy), son of David & Michelle and grandson of Dolores Coleman
- * Kyle A. Riley (Air Force), nephew of Robert Hollowell
- * Greg Koch (Air Force), nephew of Nancy Koch
- * James Ashenhurst (Navy), stepson of Stephen Flynn and son of Jenny Simons
- * Yoshi Cacho (US Marine Corps), son of Medel & Marianne Cacho
- * Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone.

On Tuesday May 24 at 7:00pm we will again be having a **What's On Your Mind** gathering. This is an opportunity for you to come with suggestions, ideas, complaints or just to hear what others are thinking about. These sessions provide an opportunity for the parish staff to put concrete steps into action to keep our parish vibrant and alive. The meeting will take place in the Joseph Center.

The Bountiful Basement for the month of April served 251 families; 206 seniors, 405 adults and 191 children, for a total of 802 individuals. Thank you for your support of this critical need.





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, May 22

10:00am—10:45am PSR Grs. 4+ (Rectory Basement)

Monday, May 23

9:30am—10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)

7:00pm—8:30pm Finance Council Mtg. (Jos. Center)

Tuesday, May 24

8:00am-8:30am Novena—Rosary (Church)

9:30am—12:00pm Bountiful Basement

10:30am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm—8:30pm What's On Your Mind (Jo. Ctr.)

Wednesday, May 25

3:00pm—3:45pm Witness for Ukraine (front sidewalk)

5:00pm—6:45pm Bountiful Basement

Thursday, May 26

11:00am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm—8:30pm Bible Study (Rectory Living Room)

Friday, May 27

1:00pm—4:00pm Steph. Min. Ldrs. Mtg. (Rec. Lib.)

Pentecost is June 5, just two weeks away. As always, plan to wear something red to Mass that day so that we can decorate our church with the liturgical color of the Holy Spirit.

Tai Chi Outdoors Beginning **Wednesday, June 1 from 7-8 pm**, Mike Reiling will be leading Tai Chi Easy back by the garden area. Tai Chi is a gentle, flowing meditation-in-motion practice, good for all adults. In bad weather, we will be in the Joseph Center. A \$5-\$10 dollar donation to the Blessed Trinity Haiti Fund is requested. Join us!

Free \$10 Speedway gas cards are available at the rectory for parishioners to offset the high cost of gasoline.

Nature's Way, (on the grounds of Blessed Trinity), is hiring for the **position of Cook**. Hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 - 1/1:30. Experience preferred but willing to train. Also: **Summer Camp Staff** - Active supervision of children. Both positions require : Minimum of 18 years of age, High School/GED, Background checks FBI and BCI. Call 216-252-0024 or email to n8urway@aol.com

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WORSHIP

Saturday, May 21

4:00pm Clinton "Jim" House, Jr. (Family)

Sunday, May 22 (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29)

9:00am Ronnie Juris (Rudy & Vivian Juris)

11:00am Blessed Trinity

Monday, May 23

11:00am All Souls

At Westpark Healthcare Campus
4387 W. 150th St.

Tuesday, May 24

8:00am Novena—Rosary

8:30am Loretta H. Needham
(Ginger Needham)

Wednesday, May 25

8:30am All Souls

Friday, May 27

8:30am Jerry, Mary & Larry McCarthy
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Saturday, May 28

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, May 29 (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53)

9:00am Bob Schlather (Mary Kreager)

11:00am Mara Jandric (Mike & Linda Wilson)

Pro-Life Peaceful, Prayerful Witness by the Planned Parenthood office, corner of Brookpark & Broadview Roads. Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am. Join us on the public sidewalk. Pray to end abortion. Questions, call Mike & Doris Peters, 216-659-3362.

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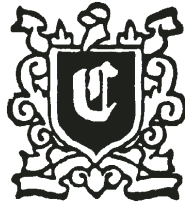
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